



# MISSISSIPPI TRIAL & APPELLATE JUDGES FALL CONFERENCE

Jackson Marriott - Jackson, Mississippi  
October 21-23, 2015

## *Conference Agenda*

**Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

10:00 a.m.	MJC Board of Governors Fall Meeting	Warwick
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Registration	Mezzanine
2:00-2:10 p.m.	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b> <i>Carole Murphey</i> <i>MJC Staff Attorney</i>  <i>Mike Wright</i> <i>MJC Program Manager</i>	Windsor I
	<u>General Sessions:</u>	
2:10-2:30 p.m.	<b>DEPOSITION GUIDELINES</b> <i>Roy Campbell III</i> <i>Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP</i> <i>President, Mississippi Bar Association</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>	(1.00 CJE)
2:30-3:00 p.m.	<b>JUDICIAL LAW CLERK WRITING SEMINAR</b> <i>Hon. Kenneth Griffis</i> <i>Mississippi Court of Appeals</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>  <i>Hon. Mike Taylor</i> <i>Circuit Court Judge</i> <i>Brookhaven, Mississippi</i>	
3:00-3:10 p.m.	Break	
3:10-4:00 p.m.	<b>AN INTRODUCTION TO WESTLAW NEXT</b> <i>Kristina Gratzick</i> <i>Government Account Manager</i> <i>West, a Thomson Reuters Business</i>	(1.00 CJE)
4:00-4:10 p.m.	Break	
4:10-5:00 p.m.	<b>COURTHOUSE &amp; COURTROOM SECURITY</b> <i>Stephen Markert</i> <i>Marshal</i> <i>Mississippi Supreme Court</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>	(1.00 CJE)

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**Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:30-9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast for MJC Conference Participants Only	Mezzanine
	<u>General Sessions:</u>	(1.00 CJE)
9:00-9:50 a.m.	<b>EVIDENCE UPDATE</b> <i>Professor Matthew Steffey</i> <i>Mississippi College School of Law</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>	
9:50-10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:00-10:50 a.m.	<b>CONTEMPT OF COURT: A REVIEW OF RECENT CASES</b> <i>Darlene Ballard</i> <i>Executive Director</i> <i>Mississippi Commission on Judicial Performance</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>  <i>Bonnie Menapace</i> <i>Senior Staff Attorney</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>	(1.00 CJE)
10:50-11:00 a.m.	Break	
11:00-11:50 a.m.	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SESSIONS</b> ○ <i>Administrative Law</i> .....Newbury ○ <i>Appellate</i> .....Canterbury ○ <i>Chancery</i> .....Surrey I & II ○ <i>Circuit</i> .....Winston I & II ○ <i>County</i> .....Manchester ○ <i>Senior Status</i> .....Warwick	(1.00 CJE)
12:00-1:15 p.m.	<b>CONFERENCE OF JUDGES LUNCHEON</b> (For MJC Conference Participants Only)	Windsor I

Breakout Session:

	<b>APPELLATE, CIRCUIT, &amp; COUNTY JUDGES</b>	Churchill I & II
1:30-2:20 p.m.	<b>MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS UPDATE</b> <i>Commissioner Marshall L. Fisher</i> <i>Mississippi Department of Corrections</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>	(1.00 CJE)
2:20-2:30 p.m.	Break	
2:30-3:20 p.m.	<b>EMINENT DOMAIN: DISCUSSION OF RECENT CASES</b> <i>Christopher Howdeshell</i> <i>Jack Pittman</i> <i>Pittman Law Firm</i> <i>Hattiesburg, Mississippi</i>	(1.00 CJE)

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### Breakout Session:

1:30-3:00 p.m.	<b>APPELLATE &amp; CHANCERY JUDGES</b> <b>FAMILY LAW UPDATE</b> <i>Dean Debbie Bell</i> <i>University of Mississippi School of Law</i> <i>University, Mississippi</i>	Surrey I & II (1.5 CJE)
3:00-3:20 p.m.	<b>DISCUSSION OF CHANCERY COURT ISSUES</b> Moderator: <i>Hon. Vicki Daniels</i> <i>Third Chancery Court District Judge</i> <i>Batesville, Mississippi</i>	(.5 CJE)

3:20-3:30 p.m.      Break

### General Session:

3:30-4:30 p.m.      **JUDICIAL ETHICS**      (1.00 Ethics)  
*Professor Don Campbell*  
*Mississippi College School of Law*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*

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**Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:30-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast for MJC Conference Participants Only Windsor I

**CHANCERY JUDGES STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Churchill I & II

8:30-9:20 a.m. **REPORT FROM TPR STUDY GROUP** (1.00 CJE)

*(Joint Session with County Judges)*

**Hon. Randy Pierce**  
*Associate Justice*  
*Mississippi Supreme Court*

**TPR Study Group Members**

9:20-9:30 a.m. Break

9:30-10:20 a.m. **WINGS INITIATIVE** (1.00 CJE)

**Ta'Shia Gordon**  
*Deputy Director*  
*Mississippi AOC*

**Hon. Randy Pierce**

10:20-10:30 a.m. Break

10:30-11:20 a.m. **JURY INSTRUCTIONS IN WILL CONTESTS** (1.00 CJE)

**Hon. Percy Lynchard**  
*Third Chancery Court District Judge*  
*Hernando, Mississippi*

11:20 a.m. Evaluation / Completion of Forms

11:30 a.m. Conclusion of Fall Conference

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7:30-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast for MJC Constituents Only Windsor I

**CIRCUIT JUDGES STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Winston I & II

8:30-9:20 a.m. **EXPERT WITNESS TESTIMONY IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CASES** (1.00 CJE)  
*John Michael Coleman*  
*Hagwood Adelman Tipton*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*

9:20-9:30 a.m. Break

9:30-10:20 a.m. **MISSISSIPPI TORT CLAIMS ACT: A STUDY OF RECENT CASES** (1.00 CJE)  
Moderator:  
*Carole Murphey*  
*MJC Staff Attorney*  
  
*Panel of Circuit Judges*

10:20-10:30 a.m. Break

10:30-11:20 a.m. **A REVIEW OF DAUBERT AND ITS FACTORS** (1.00 CJE)  
*Hon. Tony Mozingo*  
*Fifteenth Circuit Court District Judge*  
*Purvis, Mississippi*

11:20 a.m. Evaluation / Completion of Forms

11:30 a.m. Conclusion of Fall Conference

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7:30-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast for MJC Constituents Only Windsor I

**COUNTY JUDGES STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Surrey I & II

8:30-9:20 a.m. **REPORT FROM TPR STUDY GROUP** (1.00 CJE)

*(Joint Session with Chancery Judges in Churchill Ballroom)*

**Hon. Randy Pierce**  
*Associate Justice*  
*Mississippi Supreme Court*

9:20-9:30 a.m. Break

9:30-10:20 a.m. **PRO SE PARTIES IN COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS** (1.00 CJE)

**Jeff Klingfuss**  
*Office of the Attorney General*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*

10:20-10:30 a.m. Break

10:30-11:20 a.m. **DISCUSSION OF COUNTY COURT ISSUES** (1.00 CJE)

Moderator:

**Hon. Ed Hannan**  
*Madison County Court Judge*  
*Chair, Conference of County Court Judges*

11:20 a.m. Evaluation / Completion of Forms

11:30 a.m. Conclusion of Fall Conference